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Mr. Michael J. O'Toole, Director
Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation
New York State Department of
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Albany, New York 12233

Dear Mr. O'Toole:

As discussed in our telephone conversation of January 4, 1991, the Region II office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to conduct an emergency removal of hazardous substances from the premises of Nelson Galvanizing Inc., located in Long Island City, Queens, New York. This removal will be undertaken in order to eliminate the extreme hazard to the surrounding community presented by waste acids and other hazardous chemicals being stored on the Nelson Galvanizing premises. The decision that there is a need to conduct this removal is based on EPA inspections of Nelson Galvanizing, and from conversations between my staff and I, and representatives of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP). This removal action will be conducted with the full cooperation and assistance of the NYCDEP.

New York City DEP, who referred this project to us, has previously issued violations to the owner of the site. Although some cleanup has been undertaken by the owner, full compliance has not been reached and the City has recently begun court action to force full compliance.

Although not actually a joint effort between EPA and NYCDEP, active participation by the NYCDEP in this removal action is anticipated. NYCDEP will be in charge of the subsurface cleanup work and will work closely with us on other matters. EPA encourages NYCDEP's participation to the fullest extent possible, commensurate with available resources. The Federal On-Scene Coordinator for this removal action is Paul L. Kahn, a member of my staff assigned to the Response and Prevention Branch. Mr. Kahn can be contacted at (201) 321-6617.

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If you or your staff have any specific questions regarding this site, please contact me at (212) 264-8672.

Sincerely yours,

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